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METHOD FOR SUPPLYING SLURRY
TO POLISHING APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of October 3, 2003.

Applicants, by their undersigned representative, hereby elect the invention of Group I, i.e. claims 12-21 and 23-30. However, since the subject of the Group II claims has already been considered by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that there would be no undue burden on the Examiner to examine the Group II claims along with the Group I claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement and examine all of the currently pending claims together.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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